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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EISMA, Mrs LENTZ-CORNETTE, Mrs SEIBEL-EMMERLING  
Mr JOHNSON and Mr BEYER de RYKE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on imports of products of kangeroos in connection with  
conservation of species

PE 87.186

- A. recognizing the concern of the European Communities for conservation and animal welfare questions as expressed in the Council Resolutions adopting the first second and third Environment Programmes and in numerous resolutions of the European Parliament, in particular the Alber resolution of 17/6/82 and the Spinelli resolution of 14.9.83,
- B. recognizing also that this concern covers conservation and animal welfare issues not only within the Community but also outside, especially when the Community is shown to be an importer of the species, or of products deriving from the species, involved ,
- C. concerned with the status of the family Macropodidae (kangaroos, wallabies etc.). although recognizing that the fourteen species listed by the Council of Nature Conservation Ministers as "endangered" are fully protected by the Australian authorities,
- D. recognising that, on occasions, there has been an established need for a scientific and properly supervised programme for controlling the population of the family Macropodidae,
- E. noting that kangaroo harvesting for commercial purposes still continues in five States - Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia - which also export commercial products,
- F. noting the widespread concern about the methods of "harvesting" kangaroo populations particularly the often extremely cruel methods of illegal killing,
- G. noting that on 30 december 1974 the Red, Eastern Grey and Western Grey Kangaroos were listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973 and a temporary ban on importation was imposed,
  - 1. Calls on the Commission as a matter of urgency to investigate whether a ban on imports for commercial purposes of products coming from the family Macropodidae, is likely to have an effect on the amount and method of killing of kangaroos, both legally and illegally, in Australia.
  - 2. Requests the Commission to report as soon as possible whether the results of this investigation call for a ban of import of kangaroo products.
  - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Government and Parliament of Commonwealth of Australia.